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SPECIAL FLORIDA FREEZE DAMAGE REPORT
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In the Florida Everglades, below freezing temperatures accompanied by frosts occurred the morning of November 27, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announced today. A preliminary survey indicates heavy damage to snap beans and the winter potato crop.

About half of the 19,000 acres of fall snap bean acreage in the Everglades had been picked over at the time of frost but about 60 to 75 percent of the potential production was yet to be harvested. Early reports indicate that 75 to 90 percent of the remaining production was lost. Despite the frost, picking will continue for another week or ten days from fields where heavy foliage gave some protection. In the Everglades, the winter potato crop of about 1,500 acres was also damaged heavily. The crop was well advanced and several hundred acres will be a complete loss.

In the Everglades, the sweet corn deal was nearing completion and loss was not heavy. In this section, hardy crops, such as cabbage, celery, escarole, and lettuce, received only minor damage.

In the Fort Pierce and Pompano Sections, there were light and scattered frosts but very little damage. There was no frost in the Manatee-Ruskin area. In central Florida, harvest of tender crops was about complete and loss from frost was light.

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